

'Agent' Swindle Unfolds

The cloak and dagger story of a fake Central Intelligence agent who fleeced a Miami college girl of almost \$8,000 unfolded here Thursday.

A federal grand jury indicted Carl Ekelof, 40, on charges of posing as a federal agent.

Ekelof, who had eluded police for months, was arrested last Sunday in Los Angeles.

Assistant U.S. District Attorney Lloyd Bates said the fleecing developed this way:

Ekelof, allegedly posing as a government undercover man fighting Cuban Dictator Fidel Castro, made contact in 1962 with Barry College student Mary Ann Hutch, 19, of Kent, Ohio. Their first meeting was at the 79th St. Shopping Center.

The girl told authorities Ekelof, also known as Carl F. Karlstrom, said he contacted her because she was known "to be interested in freedom."

Soon after, she said, he asked for \$1,000, supposedly to pay the ransom of a Castro prisoner. The girl withdrew the money from a joint bank account she had with her father.